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| <b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES<br/>DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)<br/>CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>  |   | Attorney Docket No. 04178<br><br>U.S. Application No. if known,<br>see 35 U.S.C. 371(f) <b>10/511443</b> |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.<br>PCT/DE03/01385  | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE<br>April 30, 2003 | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED<br>April 30, 2002  |
| TITLE OF INVENTION<br><b>METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CLEANING AND CARING FOR DOGS, PARTICULARLY DOG PAWS</b>  |   |  |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US<br><b>Margot BESTELMEYER</b>   |   |  |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:  |   |  |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</li> <li>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</li> <li>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been transmitted by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).</li> <li>7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are transmitted herewith (only if not required by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been transmitted by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li>d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ol> </li> <li>8. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</li> <li>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</li> <li>10. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</li> </ol> |   |  |
| <b>Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:</b>   |   |  |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</li> <li>12. <input type="checkbox"/> As assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</li> <li>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</li> <li>14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</li> <li>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</li> <li>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</li> <li>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825.</li> <li>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 USC 154(d)(4).</li> <li>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English translation of the international application under 35 USC 154(d)(4).</li> <li>20. <input type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:</li> </ol>  |   |  |

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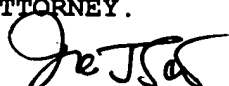
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| 21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:<br><b>BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492 (a)(1)-(5):</b><br>Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482)<br>Nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2) paid to USPTO<br>And International Search Report not prepared by EPO or JPO..... \$1,110.00<br><br>International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to<br>USPTO but International Search Report prepared by EPO or JPO.....\$950.00<br><br>International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but<br>International search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO..... \$790.00<br><br>International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482)<br>But all claims did not satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4).....\$750.00<br><br>International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482)<br>And all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4)..... \$100.00<br><br><div style="text-align: right;"><b>ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =</b></div> |                     |                     |             | <b>CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY</b> |    |
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| Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).  |                     |                     |             | \$                               |    |
| <b>CLAIMS</b>  | <b>NUMBER FILED</b> | <b>NUMBER EXTRA</b> | <b>RATE</b> |                                  |    |
| Total Claims   | 12 -20=             |                     | X \$18.00   | \$                               |    |
| Independent Claims   | 1 -3=               |                     | X \$88.00   | \$                               |    |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)  |                     |                     |             | \$                               |    |
| <b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>   |                     |                     |             | \$950.00                         |    |
| Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.  |                     |                     |             | \$475.00                         |    |
| <b>SUBTOTAL =</b>  |                     |                     |             | \$475.00                         |    |
| Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing English translation later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).   |                     |                     |             | \$                               |    |
| <b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>  |                     |                     |             | \$475.00                         |    |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31).  |                     |                     |             | \$                               |    |
| <b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>   |                     |                     |             | \$475.00                         |    |
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- a. ☐ A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the above fees is enclosed.
- b. ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 04-0753 in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- c. ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-0753. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- d. ☒ A payment of \$ 475.00 is made by credit card. A Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) is attached hereto. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 or any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17, or credit any over payment to the credit card account shown on the attached Credit Card Payment Form. Refund of all amounts overpaid, including those of twenty-five dollars or less, is specifically requested. Any fees not accepted by the credit card shown on Form PTO-2038 may be charged to Deposit Account No. 04-0753.

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